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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Wednesday, 18 October 2006**

### Security Council

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)**

3 p.m. — 16th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

**General Committee**

3 p.m. — 3rd meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Saint Lucia (A/61/233)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/234)

**Main Committees**

**First Committee**

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84* (A/C.1/61/L.22); *item 85* (A/61/161 and A/C.1/61/L.35); *item 86* (A/C.1/61/L.50); *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I), A/61/140 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88* (A/C.1/61/L.45); *item 89* (A/C.1/61/L.10); *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/127/Add.1, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.5, A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7, A/C.1/61/L.8,

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[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2, A/C.1/61/4 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

3–6 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information (A/61/21, A/61/21/Add.1 and A/61/216) [34]

*General debate*

*Action on draft resolution A (A/61/21, chapter IV)*

*Action on draft resolution B (A/61/21, chapter IV)*

*Action on draft decision (A/61/21, chapter IV)*

**Second Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2

*Interactive dialogue between the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions on the theme "Regional dimension of globalization and interdependence"*

Presentations on the following sub-themes, followed by an exchange of views:

Innovation and the competitiveness of the transition economies: Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, ECE;

ICT: Driving innovation in Asia-Pacific: Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary, ESCAP;

Promoting an enabling environment to foster knowledge and innovation for development: Ms. Mervat Tallawy, Executive Secretary, ESCWA;

Nurturing alliances for regional and interregional cooperation in science and technology: Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, ECA; and

Infrastructure, institutions and capacity-building to foster innovation for development: Mr. José Luis Machinea, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

3–5 p.m. Conference Room 2

*Panel discussion on the theme "Social policy in an era of globalization"*

Panellists:

Prof. Laura Tyson, Dean, London Business School;

Prof. Kaushik Basu, C. Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics, Cornell University; and

Dr. Michal Rutkowski, Director, Human Development Department, Middle East and North African Region, World Bank

Moderator:

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

**Third Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights questions (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

*Conclusion of general discussion*

3–6 p.m. 22nd meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights questions (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476, A/61/506[1] and A/61/513[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349[1], A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489 and A/61/504)

*Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by question time*

*Introductory statements, followed by question time*

*General discussion*

[1] To be issued.

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

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**Fifth Committee**

3 p.m. 8th meeting — Conference Room 3

Programme planning (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14) Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6 (Prog.26), A/61/6 (Prog.27), A/61/125, A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1) [118]

*Conclusion of general discussion*

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/61/32, A/61/129, A/61/129/Add.1, A/61/300 and A/61/499))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

**Sixth Committee**

10 a.m. 8th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/61/119, A/61/119/Add.1 and A/61/119/Add.2) [76]

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/61/222 and A/61/222/Add.1) [75]

Requests for observer status in the General Assembly [153]

Observer status for the OPEC Fund for International Development in the General Assembly

*Action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.3*

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Commission in the General Assembly

*Action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.2*

Observer status for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the General Assembly

*Action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.4*

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| 3–6 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| | Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) | |

**Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism**

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| Morning[1]–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 76 (Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives); and 75 (Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

## General Assembly

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

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| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| | Executive session on human resources management | |

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International Financial System and Development)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)**

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room D.

**Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity - International Year of Biodiversity)**

From 5 to 6 p.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*.

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)**

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

## Economic and Social Council

### United Nations Children's Fund

**Executive Board**
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund will hold an informal briefing on "Ending child hunger and undernutrition initiative", which is on the agenda of the 2007 first regular session of the Board. The briefing will take place *today*, 18 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Informal consultations convened by delegations

**Wednesday, 18 October 2006**

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, under agenda item 90 (x) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)**

9–9.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, under agenda item 96 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)**

9.30–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)**

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 7

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the promotion and protection of the rights of the children, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)**

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia, under agenda item 90 (bb) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)**

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

## Other meetings

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**Wednesday, 18 October 2006**

**JUSCANZ Group**

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

**2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme**

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international migration and development)**

9.30 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the Outcome of the World Summit on Social Development)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

**Group of 77 (Workshop on "Governance and oversight: Towards a better understanding") (open to all interested Member States)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development)**

1–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)**

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on globalization and interdependence)**

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Group of 77 (on sustainable development; agenda items 53 (g) and 54)**

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Latin American and Caribbean Group**

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**African Group (Second Committee experts)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

## Other activities

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**Wednesday, 18 October 2006**

**Conference on "Sustainable urban design" (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in cooperation with the Institute for Urban Design, Toyo University, the Building Social Housing Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend.]

**Informal presentation and discussion on "Linking development and small arms: Policy development, field programming and research" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the Quaker United Nations Office)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[All are invited to attend.]

**Panel discussion on "Children in armed conflict: Advocacy and beyond" (organized by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gérard, OSRSG/CAAC (tel. 1 (917)-367-3422).]

**Special ceremony in observance of World Food Day 2006 on the theme "Investing in agriculture for food security" (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend.]

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>*

**Wednesday, 18 October 2006**

*Room S-226*

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesman

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Thursday, 19 October 2006**

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. — 36th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

## Main Committees

### First Committee

Informal consultations

The secretariat of the First Committee will hold informal consultations with interested delegations regarding the content of the Web site of the Committee, on Thursday, 19 October 2006, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

### Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), informal presentation of the draft resolution on trade, under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International Financial System and Development)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

*Friday, 27 October 2006*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia) under agenda 55 (b) (International Migration and Development)**

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

*Friday, 27 October 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Monday, 30 October 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Issues in scaling-up of development aid flows" on Friday, 20 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The lead discussant will be Ms. Benu Schneider, Chief of Debt, Finance and Systemic Issues Unit, Financing for Development Office, DESA; and panellists will include Mr. Louis Kasekende, Chief Economist, African Development Bank; Mr. Elliot Harris, Advisor, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; and Ms. Nora Lustig, Director, Poverty Group, Bureau of Development Policy, UNDP.

The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, DESA, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Third Committee**

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

*Thursday, 19 October 2006 (agenda item 67):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Chairperson-Rapporteur, Working Group on the right to development, Commission on Human Rights) – Oral report; Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants)

*3 p.m.*

Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967)

*Friday, 20 October 2006 (agenda item 67):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Paolo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea); Ms. Sima Samar (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan)

*3 p.m.*

Mr. Titinga Frédéric Pacéré (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

*Monday, 23 October 2006 (agenda item 67):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Philip Alston (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions); Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders); Mr. Manfred Nowak (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment)

*3 p.m.*

Mr. Walter Kälin (Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Leandro Despouy (Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers)

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006 (agenda item 67):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Martin Scheinin (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism); Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences) – Oral report; Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho (Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights)

*3 p.m.*

Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food)

*Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination)

## Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 19 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

## Sixth Committee

The 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee will be held on Monday, 23 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to begin its consideration of agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session).

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers for agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico), on Thursday, 19 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

## General Assembly

**Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

The 231st meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Monday, 30 October 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with a view to considering and adopting the draft report.

## Economic and Social Council

**Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**

Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

## Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the effects of atomic radiation, under agenda item 29 (Fourth Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

**Informal consultations to present the draft resolution under agenda item 69 (a) (Streghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations) (Third Committee) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

*Monday, 23 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

*Thursday, 26 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

*Tuesday, 31 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution on the arms trade treaty (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United Kingdom)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Tuesday, 31 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Informal consultations of the subscribing States to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation, under agenda item 90 (l) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of human rights instruments (torture), under agenda item 67 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)**

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of racism and racial discrimination, under item 65 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)**

*Friday, 27 October 2007*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in conference Room B.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**Non-Aligned Movement (informal briefing by the Uzbek high-level delegation)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Arab Group (at the expert level)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

**Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to update Member States of the Commission on the work of ECE in the context of the changing needs and development priorities in the region**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Meeting of Legal Advisers**

*Monday, 23 October 2006*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions**

*Wednesday, 25 October 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

*Thursday, 26 October 2006*, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*; and

*Friday, 27 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Fahndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail faehndrich@un.org).]

**Asian Group (monthly meeting)**

*Friday, 27 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).].

**UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties**

**French Seminar**

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

**English Seminar**

*Wednesday, 8 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

## Other forthcoming activities

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**Enforced disappearance — Information meeting on the draft international convention for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)**

*Thursday, 19 October 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. For further information, please contact Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

**Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice to State members of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)**

*Friday, 20 October 2006*, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

**Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *World Investment Report 2006***

*Monday, 23 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend.]

**Panel discussion on "Women and peace consolidation: Ensuring gender justice when political determination meets socio-economic realities — The case of Liberia" (sponsored by the Co-Chairs of the Partners for Gender Justice in Conflict Affected Countries (Sweden and South Africa), in cooperation with UNIFEM and the International Legal Assistance Consortium)**

*Monday, 23 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vina Nadjibulla (tel. 1 (212) 906-6177; e-mail vina.nadjibulla@unifem.org).]

**Special event on "Maximizing economic benefits and strengthening resilience in SIDS through sustainable tourism — Implementing the Mauritius Strategy" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNWTO)**

*Monday, 23 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed (tel. 1 (212) 906-5375; e-mail rafeeuddin.ahmed@unifem.org).]

**Special event on "How can SIDS benefit from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)?: Resources to meet the objectives of the Mauritius Strategy" (organized by UN-OHRLLS)**

*Friday, 27 October 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Om Pradhan (tel. 1 (917) 367-5387; e-mail pradhano@un.org); or Mr. Robert Enholm (tel. 1 (917) 367-4116; or e-mail enholm@un.org).]

**Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)**

*Monday, 30 October 2006*, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

## Announcements

**Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services**

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

**Security Council**

**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

**UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited o the United Nations**

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, please contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

# Summary of official meetings

**Tuesday, 17 October 2006**

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

34th plenary meeting *Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council* [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to an eleventh round of balloting (fourth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the eleventh round of balloting (fourth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 191 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 191 |
| Abstentions | 8 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 107 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 76 |

On the eleventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a twelfth round of balloting (fifth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the twelfth round of balloting (fifth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots | 191 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 123 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 107 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 77 |

On the twelfth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a thirteenth round of balloting (sixth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the thirteenth round of balloting (sixth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 5 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 125 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 112 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 75 |

On the thirteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a fourteenth round of balloting (seventh restricted ballot).

The results of the fourteenth round of balloting (seventh restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 191 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 191 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 123 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 108 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 76 |

On the fourteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a fifteenth round of balloting (eighth restricted ballot).

The results of the fifteenth round of balloting (eighth restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 124 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 107 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 78 |

On the fifteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to a sixteenth round of balloting (ninth restricted ballot).

The results of the sixteenth round of balloting (ninth restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 8 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 123 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 108 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 76 |

On the sixteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

The Assembly decided, on a proposal by the President, to postpone to the afternoon the balloting for that seat.

**35th plenary meeting** *Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council* [103 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to the seventeenth round of balloting (seventh unrestricted ballot).

The results of the seventeenth round of balloting (seventh unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 190 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 190 |
| Abstentions | 8 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 104 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 78 |

On the seventeenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the eighteenth round of balloting (eighth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the eighteenth round of balloting (eighth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 191 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 191 |
| Abstentions | 6 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 124 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 100 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 85 |

On the eighteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the nineteenth round of balloting (ninth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the nineteenth round of balloting (ninth unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 6 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 124 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 107 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 79 |

On the nineteenth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twentieth round of balloting (tenth restricted ballot).

The results of the twentieth round of balloting (tenth restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 9 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 102 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 81 |

On the twentieth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-first round of balloting (eleventh restricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-first round of balloting (eleventh restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 192 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 192 |
| Abstentions | 12 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 120 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 101 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 79 |

On the twenty-first round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the twenty-second round of balloting (twelfth restricted ballot).

The results of the twenty-second round of balloting (twelfth restricted ballot) were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 191 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 191 |
| Abstentions | 12 |

Required two-thirds majority

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

On the twenty-second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

*Programme of work*

The President informed the General Assembly that the next series of balloting would take place on Thursday, 19 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

## Main Committees

### First Committee

13th meeting

*Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (82 to 97)*

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Spain, Suriname, Ethiopia, Denmark, Cameroon, India, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Bulgaria, Benin and Yemen.

A statement was also made by the representative of Pakistan (who introduced the draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.41).

### Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

11th meeting

*Question relating to information*

The representative of Bangladesh, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee on Information contained in documents A/61/21 and A/61/21/Add.1.

*General debate*

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Japan, India, Pakistan, Angola, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Nepal, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Congo.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

**Second Committee**

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [51]

*(c) External debt crisis and development*

*(d) Commodities*

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.6 and A/C.2/61/L.7*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.6 and A/C.2/61/L.7.

*Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development* [52]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.5*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution.

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance* [69]

*(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.9*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Liberia introduced the draft resolution.

*Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development* [51 (a)]

*Introduction and general discussion*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the President of the Trade and Development Board.

A question was posed by the delegation of Benin, to which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD responded.

*General discussion*

The Committee held its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Morocco, Viet Nam, India, Cuba, Bangladesh, the United States, China, Senegal and Australia (on behalf of the Cairns Group).

*Organization of work*

The Chairperson made a statement.

14th meeting

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions* [69 (b)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.8**

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Secretary made a statement.

Following the introduction of the draft resolution, the representative of the Philippines announced the following additional sponsors: Afghanistan, Cambodia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Morocco, Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand.

*Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development* . . . . . [51 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the European Commission (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Benin (on behalf of the Group of the Least Developed Countries), Zambia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Mali, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Qatar, the Sudan, the Republic of Korea, Belarus and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Common Fund for Commodities and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD.

*Organization of work*

The Chairperson made a statement.

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**Third Committee**

19th meeting

*Indigenous issues* . . . . . [64]

*(a) Indigenous issues*

*(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

The Committee continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, Cuba, Guatemala, Nepal, the Philippines, France, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Cameroon.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 64 (a) and (b).

20th meeting

*Advancement of women* . . . . . [61 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10*

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of France, as well as Chile, Costa Rica, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Morocco, New Zealand, Slovakia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Lebanon, Madagascar, Mozambique, Peru, Slovenia and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of the rights of children* . . . . . [63 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.12*

The Secretary orally corrected the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba then introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Member States of the United Nations that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

*Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments* [67 (a)]

*Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action* . . . . . [67 (d)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Japan, Uzbekistan, China, the Republic of Korea, Colombia, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Bangladesh, Iraq and Georgia, under sub-item 67 (a).

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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**Fifth Committee**

7th meeting

*Pattern of conferences* . . . . . [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences, Ms. Nonye Udo, introduced the report of that Committee (A/61/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/129, A/61/129/Add.1 and A/61/300).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/499).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Pakistan and Ethiopia.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences and the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management made concluding statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Tuesday, 17 October, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alejandro Torres Lepori (Argentina).

*Programme planning* [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Mrs. Norma Taylor Roberts, introduced the report of that Committee (A/61/16).

The Controller introduced the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/61/16, A/61/6 (Part one), A/61/6 (Prog.1), A/61/6 (Prog.2), A/61/6 (Prog.3), A/61/6 (Prog.4), A/61/6 (Prog.5), A/61/6 (Prog.6), A/61/6 (Prog.7), A/61/6 (Prog.8), A/61/6 (Prog.9), A/61/6 (Prog.10), A/61/6 (Prog.11), A/61/6 (Prog.12), A/61/6 (Prog.13), A/61/6 (Prog.14)/Rev.1, A/61/6 (Prog.15), A/61/6 (Prog.16), A/61/6 (Prog.17), A/61/6 (Prog.18), A/61/6 (Prog.19), A/61/6 (Prog.20), A/61/6 (Prog.21), A/61/6 (Prog.22), A/61/6 (Prog.23), A/61/6 (Prog.24), A/61/6 (Prog.25), A/61/6 (Prog.26), A/61/6 (Prog.27)) and proposed revisions to the biennial plans and priorities for the period 2006-2007 (A/61/125).

The representative of the Office of Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/61/64, A/61/83 and A/61/83/Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group).

**Sixth Committee**

7th meeting

*The rule of law at the national and international levels* [80]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, the Sudan, Switzerland, Mexico, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ethiopia, Malaysia, Japan, China, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Israel, India, Belarus, Algeria and the Russian Federation.

*Measures to eliminate international terrorism* [100]

The Committee established a Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism and elected H.E. Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) as Chairman.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991*

*Acceptance*: Argentina (17 October 2006)[1]

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Territorial application to Aruba*: Netherlands (17 October 2006)[1]

*Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998*

*Accession*: Maldives (17 October 2006)[1]

*Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001*

*Accession*: Maldives (17 October 2006)[1]

**Treaty event**

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network**
**Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

**Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

# General information

## Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

*Asian States:*
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

*Eastern European States:*
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

*Western European and other States:*
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

# Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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| A/61/374 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation and the activities of her Office, including technical cooperation, in Nepal — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/384 | Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Civil and political rights, including the questions of independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/469 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in the Sudan — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/475 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Progress report by the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] |
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| A/61/489 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/504 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/516–S/2006/813 | Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 13 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |

A/61/L.4 Item 108 (d) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization — 15-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

**First Committee**

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A/C.1/61/L.19 Item 90 (p) — General and complete disarmament: implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/61/L.21 Item 90 — General and complete disarmament — One-Power draft resolution — 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/61/L.22 Item 84 — Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification — One-Power draft decision [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/61/L.29 Item 92 (c) — Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the Conference on Disarmament — 6-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/61/L.30 Item 90 — General and complete disarmament — 31-Power: draft resolution — United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education [A C E F R S]

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| A/C.2/61/L.10 | Item 69 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries — One-Power draft resolution — International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola [A C E F R S] |
| | **Third Committee** |
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| A/C.3/61/L.12 | Item 63 (a) — Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children — 2-Power draft resolution — The situation of the Lebanese children [A C E F R S] |

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| S/2006/805 | Draft resolution [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/811 | Letter dated 4 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/812 | Letter dated 13 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |

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| A/61/516–S/2006/813 | Identical letters dated 13 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5551 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |
| S/RES/1718 (2006) | Adopted by the Security Council at its 5551st meeting [A C E F R S] |

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